

ROGER RIPPON'S CORPSE [1ST MARCH

nor to Paul's Cross to hear a sermon, seeing that
 any man, however wicked he might be, is admitted to receive the
 communion
 and he would not join with the minister who gave
 holy things to
 dogs Moreover, he refuseth to sign his
 examination,

EXTREME. TENETS OF THE PURITANS

Amongst the more extreme opinions of the
 Puritans, shown
 either in their writings or examinations, it
 appeareth that in
 Church matters they would take away all gifts of
 bishoprics and
 deaneries from the Queen by dissolving them, and
 all patron-
 ages, for they hold that all ecclesiastical functions
 should be
 elective by the people or their elders When
 supremacy was
 restored to the crown, one chief
 supereminency was that
 the final appeal in all ecclesiastical causes should
 be made to the
 King in chancery, this they would take away,
 making the
 appeal from an Eldership Consistory to a
 Conference, thence to
 a Provincial Synod, lastly to a National Synod
 which should be
 final

They would have the Queen, being a child of
 the Church,
 subject to the censures of examination by their
 elderships as
 well as any other person, and that all, great or
 small, must
 willingly be ruled and governed, and must obey
 those whom
 God had set over them If the Prince without
 God's warrant
 intermeddle with the Church, he must think it
 none injury to
 be disobeyed, for we are not bound to obey the
 Prince's law for
 conscience' sake, because only God's laws bind
 men's consciences
 The Prince must take heed that he pass no
 weighty matter of
 the Commonwealth without the assembly of all
 the estates of
 the realm, whereby he is debarred from treating
 or capitulating,
 either for war, peace or league with any other

prince without the
Parliament being privy to it In all matters of the
Church the
highest ecclesiastical authority belongeth to the
eldership.

They would administer baptism to no known
papist's children,
to none excommunicate person's children and to
none but to
their children that be within the Church, that is,
to those who
submit themselves to their order of discipline, all
others being
accounted out of God's covenant and so no true
Chnstians.

They would have the judicial law of Moses for
punishing
divers sins with death to be in force, so that no
prince nor law